

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 11 are pending in this application and have been amended. Claims 2-10 and 12-15 have been canceled. The specification has been amended to show cross-referencing to the parent application, U.S. Application No. 09/256,367, filed February 24, 1999.

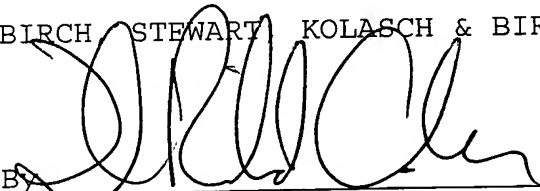
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned below, in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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